Berry Glen 123303 Highway, North Orick, Humboldt County

Notice of Proposed No Further Action related to petroleum discharges. Comment Period ends April 19, 2002

Problem Description: The Berry Glen site is a former gas station and residence located on Highway 101 north of Orick, California. Two underground storage tanks (USTs) (450-gallon gasoline tank and 600 gallon diesel tank) formerly serving the roadside service station were removed from the Berry Glen site in June of 1998. The USTs were located immediately adjacent to Highway 101 and reportedly were not used since sometime prior to the 1950's. A 55-gallon drum was historically used to store heating oil aboveground storage tank (AST), adjacent to the former onsite residence. The USTs and the AST were removed in 1998. A release of petroleum hydrocarbons to soil and groundwater was identified in the two source areas.

The site is surrounded by Redwood National Park and is served by a deep onsite domestic well. Depth to groundwater at this site has been reported between 1.75 to 3.5 feet below ground surface. Groundwater gradient is primarily to the west towards Highway 101. Site lithology consists of clay soils with interbedded lenses of silt, sand, clay and gravels consistent with alluvial deposition. A natural drainage also runs along the eastern and northern edge of the property then flows west under the highway eventually draining into Prairie Creek.

Proposed Action: The horizontal extent of historic contamination was defined by soil and groundwater investigations in 1998, 1999, and 2001. The primary sources of contamination (USTs and AST) have been removed. Investigation, source removal, and analytical data indicate that the historic site sources have been abated. This site is proposed for no further action.

MtBE Status: None Present

Unless additional comments are received with significant new information, the Regional Water Board staff plans to concur with no further action upon close of the comment period. Related documents and file information are available for review until April 19, 2002. Please contact Lisa Bernard (bernl@rb1.swrcb.ca.gov) with any questions.